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SUBJECT: KOSOVO DEMARCHE DELIVERED; TAJIKISTAN NOT LIKELY
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Classified By: Ambassador Tracey A. Jacobson for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

- ¶1. (C) Per reftel, PolOff delivered a demarche on Kosovo to Khusrav Noziri, the Head of American and European Affairs at the Tajik Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Noziri gave his standard response) he will pass the information we provided to his superiors.
- 12. (C) PolOff prompted Noziri by observing that Tajikistan is in a difficult position; the Tajiks would like to support Kosovo, but they must be cautious about angering Russia. Noziri agreed with that observation, adding that many other countries are in a similar situation. He said "I think we must wait" before Tajikistan takes a position on Kosovo.
- 13. (C) Based on Noziri's comments, we do not anticipate an answer to this demarche any time in the near future. Dushanbe point of contact for follow-up information is Greg Naarden, naardengl2@state.sgov.gov.

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